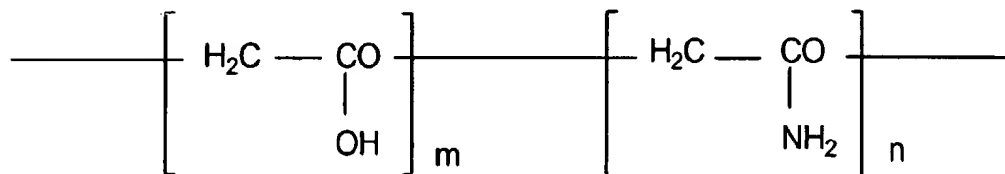


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please add claims 118-119.

Claims 1-111 (canceled).

Claim ¹~~112~~ (previously presented): A creping adhesive composition comprising polyvinyl alcohol – vinyl amine copolymer of the following structure:



wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 99 to 1 respectively and further comprising a sufficient amount of a crosslinking agent for crosslinking the copolymer to a fibrous web at a creping process drying surface, said agent being selected from zirconium compounds wherein the zirconium has a valence of +4, wherein the creping adhesive composition exhibits a peel force of at least about 300 grams per 12 inches of fibrous web.

Claim ²~~113~~ (previously presented): The creping adhesive of claim ¹~~112~~ wherein the zirconium compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, zirconium acetate, zirconium carbonate, zirconium sulfate, zirconium phosphate, potassium zirconium carbonate, zirconium sodium phosphate and sodium zirconium tartrate.

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Claim ~~114~~ (previously presented): The creping adhesive of claim ~~112~~ wherein
the zirconium compound is ammonium zirconium carbonate.

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Claim ~~115~~ (previously presented): The creping adhesive of claim ~~112~~ wherein m
and n have values of 1 to 99 and 2 to 20 respectively.

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Claim ~~116~~ (previously presented): The creping adhesive of claim ~~115~~ wherein
the zirconium compound is selected from the group consisting of ammonium zirconium
carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, zirconium acetate, zirconium carbonate,
zirconium sulfate, zirconium phosphate, potassium zirconium carbonate, zirconium
sodium phosphate, and sodium zirconium tartrate.

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Claim ~~117~~ (previously presented): The creping adhesive of claim ~~115~~ wherein
the zirconium compound is ammonium zirconium carbonate.

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Claim ~~118~~ (new): The creping adhesive of claim ~~112~~ wherein the zirconium
compound is potassium zirconium carbonate.

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Claim ~~119~~ (new): The creping adhesive of claim ~~115~~ wherein the zirconium
compound is potassium zirconium carbonate.

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